

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on February 9, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Samuel Speerschneider, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 163, 2/4/2009; HB 353, 2/4/2009;
SB 65, 2/4/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:06 Chairman Sesso

00:00:56 Rep. Steenson

[EXHIBIT\(aph30a01\)](#)

00:01:56 Chairman Sesso

HEARING ON HB 163

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:46 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on
HB 163, Revise tax incentives for motion picture
industry.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:11 Tony Preite, Director, Department of Commerce

00:07:21 Betsy Baumgart, Department of Commerce, Film Office

[EXHIBIT\(aph30a02\)](#)

00:14:18 Anna Marie Moe, Tourism Advocacy Council

[EXHIBIT\(aph30a03\)](#)

00:14:49 David Smith, President & CEO, Bozeman Chamber of
Commerce

00:16:32 Mark Baker, Chamber of Commerce, Kalispell

00:16:53 Amy Grmoljez, Motion Picture Industry Association

00:17:19 Ed Bartlett, Billings Chamber of Commerce

00:17:31 Drew Geiger, Montana Car Rental Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:06 Rep. Steenson

00:18:36 Rep. Cohenour

00:18:48 Chairman Sesso

00:19:19 Ms. Baumgart

00:20:04 Sten Iverson, Department of Commerce, Film Office

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:21 Rep. Cohenour

HEARING ON HB 353

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:05 Rep. Chuck Hunter (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on
HB 353, Revise foster care rates.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:47 Steve Nelsen, Director, Montana Children's Initiative

00:33:10 Vicky Curtis Weida, Child Protective Services

00:39:12 Kim Coleman, Foster and Adoptive Mother

EXHIBIT (aph30a04)

00:45:02 Lila Horner, Foster Mother

EXHIBIT (aph30a05)

00:50:25 Chris Benden, Foster Father

EXHIBIT (aph30a06)

00:55:19 Twila Costigan, Advocate for Foster Children

EXHIBIT (aph30a07)

01:02:10 Jonn Wolkinson, Executive Director, National
Association for Social Workers

01:06:58 Lou Gwin, Foster Child

01:08:57 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child
Health

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:10:14 Shirley Brown, Administrator, Child and Family Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:36 Rep. Mehlhoff

01:12:33 Rep. Getz

01:12:50 Rep. Hunter

01:13:43 Chairman Sesso

01:14:01 Rep. Hunter

01:14:46 Chairman Sesso

01:15:20 Ms. Brown

01:15:26 Chairman Sesso

01:15:39 Ms. Brown

01:15:47 Chairman Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Hunter

HEARING ON SB 65

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:18:14 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 65,
Revise trust land funding laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:22:20 Tom Schultz, Administrator, Trust and Management
Division, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation

EXHIBIT (aph30a08)

01:31:17 Catherine Swift, Lawyer, Montana University System

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:32:05 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:35:45 Rep. Kasten
01:36:31 Mr. Schultz
01:39:50 Rep. Kasten
01:40:21 Mr. Schultz
01:41:47 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:42:17 Mr. Schultz
01:43:01 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:43:33 Mr. Schultz
01:43:58 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:44:03 Mr. Schultz
01:44:47 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:45:04 Mr. Schultz
01:45:57 Chairman Sesso
01:46:12 Mr. Schultz
01:47:24 Chairman Sesso
01:47:54 Mr. Schultz
01:48:29 Rep. Glaser
01:49:28 Mr. Schultz
01:50:29 Rep. Glaser
01:52:20 Mr. Schultz
01:52:54 Rep. Hollenbaugh
01:54:34 Rep. McNutt
01:59:17 Chairman Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

01:59:56 Sen. Hawks

Announcements:

02:05:01 Rep. Glaser

ADJOURNMENT

02:05:43 Adjournment: 5:15 P.M.

Samual Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([aph30aad.pdf](#))